



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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2005 CITY ELECTION DATES

The calendar of dates and deadlines provided below has been revised to reflect the enactment of PA 71 of 2005 – new legislation which 1) eliminates the need to publish a second “close of registration” notice 2) eliminates the need to publish a second election notice and 3) modifies the deadlines for publishing the “close of registration” notice and election notice.

As a number of cities that hold an election in November conduct a September primary, two dates are listed for each activity related to city primaries.

By 4:00 p.m., May 10 or Jun. 21	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates file nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.322; 168.644f)
By 4:00 p.m., May 13 or Jun. 24	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates who wish to drop from primary file written requests to do so. (168.322a)
By May 16 or Jun. 27	City clerk forwards names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321)
By May 20 or Jul. 1	Petitions to place questions on primary ballot filed with city clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (164.646a)
By Jun. 3 or Jul. 15	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on primary election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
Jun. 23 through Jul. 12 or Aug. 4 through Aug. 23	Precinct inspectors appointed for primary. (168.674)
By Jun. 25	First notice of close of registration for August 2 primary published. Two notices required. (168.498)
By Aug. 8	Notice of close of registration for September 13 primary published. One notice required. (168.498)
Jul. 5 or Aug. 15	Last day to register for primary. (168.497)

By Jul. 13 or Aug. 24	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
Jul. 22 or Sep. 2	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements filed (closes Jul. 17 or Aug. 28).
By Jul. 26 or Sep. 6	Notice of primary published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By Jul. 28 or Sep. 8	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 4:00 p.m. Jul. 29 or Sep. 9	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., Jul. 30 or Sep. 10	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 1 or Sep. 12	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
By Aug. 2 or Sep. 13	Minor parties that wish to participate in city general election nominate candidates. (Party must have state recognized ballot status.) (168.646a)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 2 or Sep. 13	Emergency absentee voting for primary. (168.759b)
Aug. 2 or Sep. 13	CITY PRIMARY
Before 11:00 a.m., Aug. 3 or Sep. 14	City clerk delivers result of primary to county clerk (if city does not maintain a canvassing board). (168.809)
By 5:00 p.m., Aug. 10	Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office file qualifying petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 15	Candidates without political party affiliation who wish to drop from election file written requests to do so. (168.590c)
By Aug. 18	City clerk forwards names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office to county clerk. (168.321)
Sep. 1 or Oct. 13	Post-Primary Campaign Statements filed (closes Aug. 22 or Oct. 3).

By Aug. 26	Petitions to place questions on general election ballot filed with city clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By Sep. 9	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on general election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
Sep. 29 through Oct. 18	Precinct inspectors appointed for general election. (168.674)
By Oct. 4	Notice of close of registration for general election published. One notice required. (168.498)
Oct. 11	Last day to register for general election. (168.497)
By Oct. 19	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
Oct. 28	Pre-Election Campaign Statements filed (closes Oct. 23).
By Nov. 1	Notice of election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By Nov. 3	Public accuracy test must be conducted. (R168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., Nov. 4	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms. (168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., Nov 5	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. (168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 7	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office. (168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., Nov. 8	Emergency absentee voting for election. (168.759b)
Nov. 8	CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Before 11:00 a.m., Nov. 9	City clerk delivers result of general election to county clerk (if city does not maintain a canvassing board). (168.809)
Dec. 8	Post-General Campaign Statements filed (closes Nov. 28).